**NEWS RELEASE – For Immediate Release -- December 1, 2016**

**Nutrient Management Plan Development Programs**

The Ohio State University Extension has four Nutrient Management Plan Writers working to assist farmers in developing free Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) of Ohio. Plans provide both fertility recommendations and an environmental site risk for fields that help identify resource concerns impacting nutrient and sediment loss.

NMP Writers will be on hand in most counties in the Western Lake Erie Basin on select days this winter to work with you on preparing a free NMP or CNMP; dates, times, locations listed below. We will work with any grain/vegetable/crop producers, and/or non-CAFO livestock producers who have the following information available:

-Soil tests from no later than 2014 in less than 25 acre zones\*\*

-Complete farm maps and/or FSA maps\*\*

-Fertilizer program, complete with amounts and N-P-K products

-Implement details and information, and operation timelines

-Crop rotations and yield goals for 2016-2022

-Water locations in operation, artificial drainage practices, and type of surface drainage

-Manure: storage capacity, acres to spread on, number of animals, feed information

-NRCS EQIP program information (if planning to apply, or already applied)

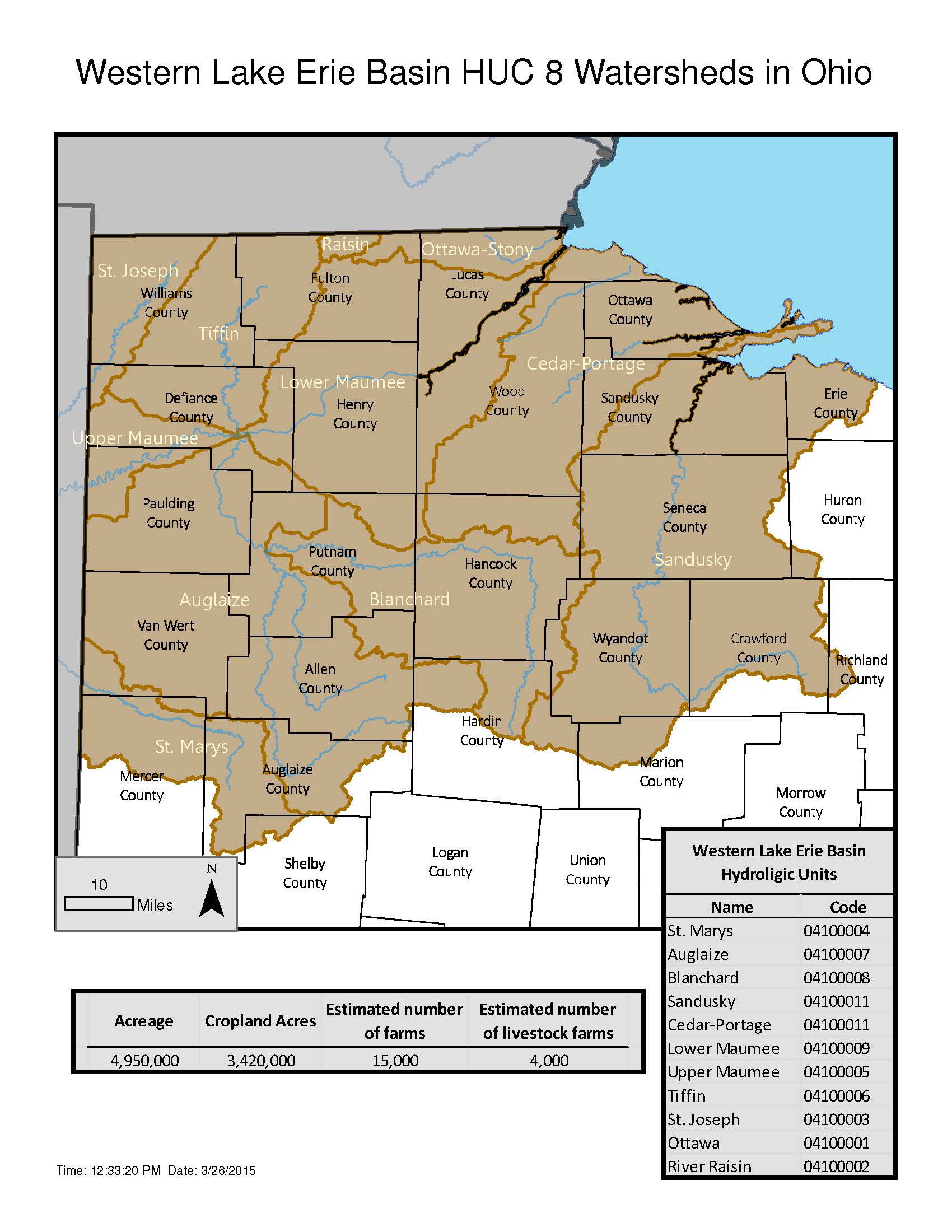
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| **County** | **Location** | **Dates** | **Time** |
| Allen | 2750 Harding Highway, Lima  Youth Activity Building | Tuesday, March 21, 2017  Tuesday, March 28, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Auglaize | 208 S. Blackhoof Street, Wapakoneta  Extension Office | Wednesday, February 8, 2017  Wednesday, March 22, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Crawford | 112 East Mansfield Street, Bucyrus  Extension Office | Thursday, February 2, 2017  Tuesday, March 14, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Defiance | 6879 Evansport Road, Defiance  Extension Office | Tuesday, January 24, 2017  Wednesday, March 29, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Erie | 2900 Columbus Ave, Sandusky  Extension Office | Tuesday, January 31, 2017  Thursday, March 16, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Fulton | 8770 State Route 108, Wauseon  Extension Office, Buckeye Room | Tuesday, January 10, 2017  Tuesday, February 7, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Hancock |  | Please visit a surrounding county due to building renovations. |  |
| Hardin | 1021 W. Lima Street, Kenton  Extension Office | Tuesday, February 14, 2017  Thursday, March 30, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Henry | 104 E. Washington Street, Napoleon  Conference Room, 1st Floor Hahn Center | Wednesday, January 25, 2017  Wednesday, February 15, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Lucas | 5434 West Bancroft, Toledo  Toledo Botanical Gardens | Wednesday, January 11, 2017  Thursday, February 23, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Ottawa | 240 W. Lake Street, Oak Harbor  Extension Office | Thursday, January 12, 2017  Thursday, February 16, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Paulding | 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding  Youth Leadership Building | Tuesday, January 3, 2017  Wednesday, February 1, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Putnam | 1206 East Second Street, Ottawa  Extension Office | Thursday, February 9, 2017  Wednesday, March 15, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Sandusky | 2000 Countryside Drive, Fremont  Extension Office | Tuesday, January 17, 2017  Tuesday, February 28, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Seneca | 3140 South State Route 100, Tiffin  Extension Office | Thursday, January 26, 2017  Thursday, March 9, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Van Wert | 1055 S. Washington Street, Van Wert  Extension Office | TBD, or visit a surrounding county | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Williams | 1425 East High Street, Bryan  Extension Office | Wednesday, January 18, 2017  Tuesday, March 7, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Wood | 639 S. Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green  Basement Conference Room | Thursday, January 19, 2017  Wednesday, March 1, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |
| Wyandot | 109 South Sandusky Ave, Upper Sandusky  Extension Office | Tuesday, January 5, 2017  Wednesday, February 22, 2017 | 9 am – 3 pm |

The Western Lake Erie Basin also covers small parts of Shelby, Marion, Richland, and Huron Counties, as well as, the North half of Mercer County. If you reside in one of those areas and would like a plan, please visit us on a surrounding county’s program day. (see map at end) Farmers are welcomed at any county program, regardless of your county of residence. Please plan at least one hour for your meeting.

RSVP – please ***RSVP*** by contacting Jessie Schulze at 419-782-4771 or [schulze.72@osu.edu](mailto:schulze.72@osu.edu) and provide your name, county, phone number, date, and AM or PM for your arrival. We will accept farmers on a first come, first served basis in the AM (9-12) and PM (12-3). Questions can also be addressed per contact information above or visit [go.osu.edu/nutrientplanners](http://agcrops.osu.edu/NutrientManagementPlanDevelopmentProgram) for more information.

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